

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (currently amended) A blood-collecting device for
2 newborn babies and infants, the device comprising:

3 a cannula extending along an axis and having at one axial
4 end a blood inlet and at an opposite axial end a blood outlet;

5 a ~~one-piece~~ bow-shaped bridge element having a front end
6 in which the cannula is fixed and a rear end through which the axis
7 passes and defining with the front end a free space, the cannula
8 outlet being exposed between the front and rear ends in the free
9 space and the inlet being outside the free space; and

10 a grip part centered on the axis and fixed on the rear
11 end of the bridge element rearward of the rear end and outside the
12 free space.

2. (canceled)

1 3. (previously presented) The device defined in claim 1
2 wherein the bridge element is C-shaped.

4. (canceled)

1 5. (currently amended) The device defined in claim 1
2 wherein the ~~handle~~ grip part has an outer surface substantially
3 symmetrical to the axis.